

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 990

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Theodore “Ted” Stovall.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Theodore “Ted” Stovall; and

WHEREAS, Ted Stovall was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he was born on August 27, 1923, in Como, Mississippi to William N. Stovall and Haysie Fennell Stovall; and

WHEREAS, Ted Stovall proudly served his country for six years as a member of the United States Navy during the World War II and Korean Conflict periods; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 1949, he married the former Virginia Huelsmann; and

WHEREAS, Ted Stovall served with acumen and alacrity as a chemical plant supervisor for the Grace Chemical Company in Memphis before his retirement twenty-five years ago; as a plant supervisor, he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, the Stovalls’ retired to Fayette County, where they enjoyed their family farm and lake in the Somerville community for twenty-six years; they returned to Memphis two years ago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall had a deep appreciation for his Fayette County home, as well as for nature and gardening; and

WHEREAS, a patriotic man of the highest order, Mr. Stovall was a loyal supporter and participant of the Somerville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5013, and nobly assumed the responsibility of coordinating military funeral honors for many Fayette County Veterans; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, which he served faithfully in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of Mrs. Virginia Stovall and was the proud father of Sandy Wickham, married to Ricky, and David Stovall, married to Julie; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his sisters, Oneta Thompson and Doris Coleman, brother, John Stovall, as well as four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ted Stovall leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Theodore "Ted" Stovall, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Stovall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.